

Application No. 10/575,479
Reply to Office Action of October 12, 2010

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 2.

Attachment: Two Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are presently pending in this case. Claim 4 is withdrawn. Claim 1 is amended by the present amendment. As amended Claim 1 is supported by the original disclosure,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, the drawings were objected to; and Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants and Applicants' representatives thank Examiner Dexter for the courtesy of the telephone interview granted to Applicants' representatives on November 19, 2010. During the interview, proposed amendments to overcome the objection to the drawings and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph were discussed. Examiner Dexter agreed that the proposed amendment may overcome the objection and rejection of record subject to further consideration.

With regard to the objection to drawings, the replacement drawing sheets included herewith restore the original drawings, as suggested by the examiner in the above-noted telephone interview. Accordingly, the objection to the drawings is believed to be overcome.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claim 1 is amended to recite "an overlapping of the virtual regions continuously adjoining each other is in a range of 0° to 12° in terms of a central angle around the rotation center, the central angle formed by two radius lines from adjacent virtual regions." It is respectfully submitted that this feature is supported at least by Figures 1 and 2, as noted above. Accordingly, Claims 1-3 are in compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

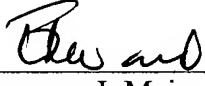

¹See, e.g., Figures 1 and 2.

Finally, as Claim 1 is allowable, it is respectfully requested that withdrawn Claim 4 be rejoined and allowed as well.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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